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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO
OCTOBER 2, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

On page 30 of the Response filed April 2, 2003, starting on the last line, we discuss the availability on westlaw.com of entire prior versions of the United States Code. westlaw.com now provides for navigation to such entire prior versions of the United States Code Annotated (USCA) from a list on the left of a displayed statute section. Exhibit 1 is a copy of a page presenting a statute section with the list on the left, as printed from a web site providing a demo of new features or updates to westlaw.com called "StatutesPlus." (The address of the web site for the demo is printed at the bottom of Exhibit 1.) Included in the list in Exhibit 1 is the bulleted item "Versions" under "Full-Text Document."

Exhibit 2 is a printout from westlaw.com of the KeyCite for 49 U.S.C.A. §

48103, which statute section is used as an example on page 17 of the Using Westlaw reference. "Versions" appears in the list to the left of the statute section presented in Exhibit 2.

Selecting "Versions" in the westlaw.com web page corresponding to Exhibit 2 brings up a web page (see Exhibit 3) that lists the 2004 and prior entire versions of the USCA. A particular section of a prior entire version of the USCA is accessed as discussed at the top of page 31 of the Response filed April 2, 2004, which is discussed in more detail below.

Exhibit 4 consists of copies of printouts from westlaw.com showing the rest of the navigation path after selecting "Versions" from the web page corresponding to Exhibit 2. From a current version of a statute section displayed on the current version of westlaw.com, a prior version of that statute section can be accessed by navigating as set forth below, where references to Exhibits 2-4 are references to corresponding web pages on westlaw.com.¹

- Select "Versions" from Exhibit 2, which brings up Exhibit 3:
- Select a prior entire version of USCA from Exhibit 3, e.g., "United States Code Annotated 2003," which brings up page 1 of Exhibit 4.
- Enter a search request into the "search" box in page 1 of Exhibit 4, e.g., "49 & 48103," as shown in page 2 of Exhibit 4. This search request will bring up pages 3-6 of Exhibit 4.

¹ westlaw.com's use of "Versions" as a navigation tool to access prior entire versions of USCA from a list presented to the left a statute section, as shown in the exhibits, is not admitted to be, and is not believed to be, prior art against this application.

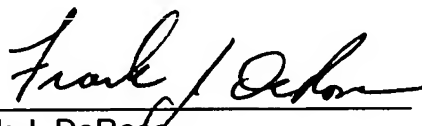
- Select from page 5 of Exhibit 4 "49 U.S.C.A. § 48103," which brings up the 2003 version of 49 U.S.C.A. § 48103, as shown in the last page of Exhibit 4 (page 7).

We respectfully point out that westlaw.com's reference to "Versions" is a reference to entire versions of the United States Code Annotated, and not a reference to public laws. On the other hand, public laws are listed in the display of the statute under "Updating Documents" (see Exhibit 2), and are not accessible by selection of "Versions."

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing in his consideration of our arguments at the interview and in the Response filed April 2, 2004 that the public laws listed under "Updating Documents" of the displayed statute section are not versions of the statute section under which they are listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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